

Seattle Neighborhood Workshops

SUMMARY THEMES

*** Please also see map of potential zoning changes discussed at the workshop and table notes*

South Park

Assets –

- Most groups mentioned the look/character of neighborhood, diversity of people, and sense of community similar to a small town.
- All groups mentioned parks, trees and green space, specifically: South Park Playground, Cesar Chavez Park, Duwamish River Trail, Green River Trail, Marra Farm.
- Several groups mentioned the riverfront neighborhood and access, the marina, the 14th & Cloverdale business district, having many locally-owned businesses.
- Other sites mentioned were the library, Concord Elementary School, South Park Neighborhood Center, SeaMar.
- Affordability, walkability were also mentioned by several groups.

Proposed zoning changes – While there were both favorable comments and concerns, several groups leaned more on the side of concerns. The themes were:

- Favorable:
 - Keep Neighborhood Commercial on arterials.
 - Some suggestions to expand density more on Cloverdale, 8th and 14th, possibly expanding the Urban Village boundary to the south.
 - Other suggestions for Cloverdale were as mixed-use residential, or LR3, or live/work.
- Concerns:
 - Not enough amenities to support more density: transit is currently poor; not much room to grow in neighborhood; lack of parking near small businesses; unpaved alleys; drainage issues.
 - Danger of displacement and/or that people won't invest in their homes, taxes would increase and limit affordability; the neighborhood is already a safety net for low-income people.
 - New development could result in loss of trees and green space
 - New development needs set-backs and design that fits the neighborhood.
 - Need to preserve view corridors and access to river.
 - Need better transitions from commercial to RSL.
 - The comment process needs better outreach to include the diversity of the neighborhood and get everyone's input.